



KHPA Provider Advisory Council Meeting
September 4, 2008, Landon State Office Building, Topeka, KS
Minutes

KHPA Provider Advisory Council Members Present:

Janet Williams, Chair
Dr. K. Allen A. Greiner
Randy Peterson
Elaine Schwartz
Peter Stern

KHPA Staff Participants:

Marcia Nielsen, Executive Director

Welcome by Janet Williams, Chair and Marcia Nielsen, Executive Director

Dr. Marcia Nielsen opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming. Janet Williams asked for the council members to introduce themselves and then reviewed the agenda packet.

Overview of the KHPA Board and Health Reform Update – Dr. Marcia Nielsen

Dr. Nielsen presented a PowerPoint which gave an overview of what took place at the KHPA Board June retreat and the August meeting. Dr. Nielsen reviewed KHPA's Strategic Plan, KHPA Budget proposals, and the Medicaid Transformation process. She also reviewed the priorities for the upcoming legislative session, the Legislative Coordinating Committee (LCC) studies, and shared ideas for how to message health reform. The agenda packet can be viewed on the KHPA Web site at:

<http://www.khpa.ks.gov/AuthorityBoard/Advisory%20Councils/default.htm>.

Dialogue with Council Members:

Dr. Nielsen asked the Provider Council how they felt about membership and what kind of process should be implemented for the future. Dr. Nielsen noted that there seemed to be unanimity in the agreement to add two or three members to the council and to follow the recommendation for staggered terms to maintain continuity. The council noted that there seemed to be a hole in dental health representation as well as children's health. There was discussion about defining a medical home, especially making medical homes a reality for the rural areas of Kansas. The group agreed there has to be a column of sameness moving forward with the health reform recommendations.

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Next Steps, Dr. Nielsen:

The KHPA Board will be having its monthly meeting on September 16, 2008 and will discuss replacement membership for the Advisory Councils.

Adjournment:

Members will be notified of upcoming meetings by email or by phone.